

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

1. **The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, a housing , guiding elements recited in claim 10 , guiding elements recited in claim 13 and a housing of the amplifier, tabs and a metal panel recited in claim 16 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). The examiner suggest showing reference number for a housing, guiding elements a housing of the amplifier, tabs and a metal panel. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. No new matter should be entered. Applicant is responsible for showing reference number for claimed invention.**

2. **Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction in reply to this office action. However, formal correction of the noted defect may be deferred until after the examiner has considered the proposed drawing correction. Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing correction will result in the abandonment of the application.**

The applicant respectfully disagrees. In the example implementation in figures 1 and 2, the housing of claims 10 and 16 is shown to include the casting 12 and the tabs 34. Examples of the guiding elements of claims 10 and 13 are shown as ridges 46, 48 in figure 2. Examples of the tabs of claim 13 are shown in figure 2 as element 34. An example of a metal panel is shown as element 28 in figure 1. Because all of the features are shown in the figures, no drawing corrections are needed.

3. **The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR I .84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: element number 104 and element number 140. Correction is required.**

Element 104 is shown in figure 10. The applicant has attached an informal copy of figure 14 to which the reference number 140 has been added.

4. **Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 2 line 1, "such". The examiner suggests change to -- said-- instead for improved clarity. Appropriate correction is required.**

The claim has been amended.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet adds reference number 140 to figure 14 and replaces the original sheet.

5. Claims 11-12, and 14 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claim 11 cannot depend from a higher numbered claim, Claim 12 cannot depend from a higher numbered claim, and Claim 14 cannot depend from a higher numbered claim.

6. Claim 15 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim (s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claim 15 cannot depend on claim 15. Please note that the examiner assumed claims 11 and 12 are depend from claim 10 and claims 14 and 15 are depend from claim 13.

The claims have been amended.

7. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o).

Claims 10, 13 and 16 are not adequately supported by the original specification.

Correction of the following is required. The applicant is required to provide a reasonable explanation of why they feel the specification supports the subject matter as disclosed in claims 10, 13 and 16 that includes Page number with lines number in the original disclosure. Please note that the claims (10, 13 and 16) must conform to the invention as set forth in the remainder of the specification and the terms and phrases used in the claims must find clear support or antecedent basis in the description so that the meaning of the terms in the claims may be ascertainable by reference to the description, see MPEP 608.01 (d)(1).

The claims are set forth below with citations to portions of the specification in which examples of the features are described.

10. (original) An apparatus comprising
a metal portion of a housing of an electronic device (page 3, line 13), the metal portion including a tab having upper and lower parallel surfaces and an aperture between the surfaces (page 3, lines 20 and 21) configured to receive a screw (page 4, line 28),
the tab including guiding elements projecting above at least one of the parallel surfaces (page 3, line 22), and
a clip comprising

an integral u-shaped body of insulating material including two parallel fingers joined by a spine to define a gap between the fingers, the tab lying within the gap, (page 4, lines 8 to 11)

the fingers having respective holes each sized to receive a screw, the holes being coaxial with each other and with the aperture of the tab, (page 4, lines 17 through 22)

at least one of the fingers having a projection that projects into the gap and is seated within the aperture (page 4, lines 11 through 15),

the body being sufficiently resilient to permit the two parallel fingers to be spread apart,

a leading edge of the projection being beveled. (page 4, line 13)

13. (original) A method comprising

pressing an insulating clip against a flat metal tab of a housing of an electronic device to force two fingers of the clip apart to enable the metal tab to occupy a gap between the two fingers, and

pressing the insulating clip to cause a projection of one of the fingers to seat in a hole of the metal tab,

the clip being guided during the pressing by guiding elements that project above a surface of the tab. (page 4, line 24 through page 5, line 4)

8. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 16 line 2, "hooks" is confusing because it is not clear that hooks of what?. In claim 16 line 2, "temporarily mounting an audio amplifier" and at lines 6-7, "permanently mount the amplifier " is confusing because it is not clear that the amplifier being temporarily mounted or permanently mounted?.

9. Claim 16 as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato (4,393,560).

Kato discloses:

Regarding claim 16, hooks 9 at positions adjacent to edges of a metal panel 7(see fig 1), and clips 7 with fingers 10 (see fig 1), with respect to temporarily mounting an audio amplifier and permanently mount the amplifier are included in this rejection as best understood.

Claim 16 has been cancelled.

10. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

The applicant acknowledges the examiner's indication that the claims are patentable.

11. Claims 10-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the drawing objection, claim objection and the specification objection set forth in this Office action.

The applicant acknowledges that the claims would be patentable.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-9 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of a clip comprising: the hole of the respective fingers being contained at least partially within the projection, a leading edge of the projection being beveled (for claims 1-9), at least one of the fingers having a projection into the gap and seated within the aperture, a leading edge of the projection being beveled (for claims 10-12), the clip being guided during the pressing by guiding elements that project above a surface of the tab(for claims 13-15).

The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

The applicant does not concede that there are not other good reasons for patentability of the claims discussed by the examiner, or of the other allowed claims, or of other claims.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons for which the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended a claim does not mean

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that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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